[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

ണം നടത്താറുണ്ട് എന്നല്ലാതെ അവരുടെ വില്പന വിലക്കുട്ടതലൊ കുറവൊ എന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പററി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തേണ്ട ആവശ്യ മില്ല.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): കച്ചവടക്കാർ ഡിപ്പോവിൽനിന്നും ഉപ്പു വാങ്ങി ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ കൊണ്ടുപോയി വിൽക്കുന്നതിന് യാതൊരു നിയന്ത്രണാധികാരവുമില്ലെന്നും അതിനെപ്പററി ഗവർണ്മെൻറ് അന്വേഷിക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നുമാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങിനെ നോക്കുന്നപക്ഷം പല കാര്യങ്ങളേയും നിയന്ത്രിക്കേണ്ടിവരും.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഉൾനാടുകളിൽ കൂടുതൽ വിലവച്ചു കച്ചവടക്കാർ വിൽക്കുന്നതായി ഏതെങ്കിലും ദൃഷ്ടാന്തം ഗവർണ്മെൻറിന് എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും അറിയാൻ ഇടയായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഉത്തരത്തിൽ (സി) മുതൽ (ഇ) വരെ ഉള്ള ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഉപ്പിനകൂടുതൽവിലവച്ചു വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഏതെങ്കിലും കേസ്സുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): കേസെടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

Government Deposits in Banks.

274. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the names of the various banks that requested the Government to invest State funds with them;

(ii) the names of the banks where State funds are now invested;

(iii) the amounts invested with each of them and the nature of deposits;

(iv) the dates on which these amounts were deposited; and

(v) whether the Government have issued instructions to the banks where they have invested their funds to financially support agricultural, industrial or commercial concerns owned and managed by Travancoreans?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the agreements entered into with the banks whilst investing Sirkar funds?

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) The Central Bank of India. There is no other recent case.

(ii) (iii) and (iv). The information required by the Member is given below: –

Name of bank.	*Amount deposited.*	*Date of deposit.*
(1) Imperial Bank of India.	Bh. Rs. 10 lakhs as a fixed deposit for a period of 9 months at 5% per annum interest.	August 1925.
(2) Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Madras.	Two deposits of Bh. Rs. 4 lakhs each for periods of 6 and 9 months and bearing interest at 5% and 4½% per annum respectively.	December 1925 and March 1926.
(3) The National Bank of India, Madras.	Bh. Rs. 2½ lakhs for a period of 6 months bearing interest at 4½% per annum.	December 1925.

(v) No.

(*b*) No agreement has been entered into with the banks beyond the contracts established by the Deposit Receipts issued by the banks. These receipts give the amount of deposits, periods of maturity and rates of interest.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not a fact that the Nedungadi Bank, the Quilon Bank and the various other native banks approached the Government to deposit funds with them?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No other bank except the Central Bank of India requested for deposits. It is stated in the answer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): In the answer it is stated that there is no other recent case.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): All these applications were made in 1923.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know what the Member means by the word recent?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): All these applications were made in 1923. This is 1926.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know how far recent it is?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the Member the names of the banks that have sent in their annual reports to the Government and requested their patronage?

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The Indian Bank.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): The names of the *Banks*.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): I know only of the Indian Bank.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know if they sent up their annual report for 1925?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it a recent case?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Did they request for the deposits of the Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Did they apply in 1925?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): They did not apply in 1925.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that no bank applied in 1925?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): They applied for patronage but not for deposits being made with them. Patronage is a wider term.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the request for patronage does not include request for deposits?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): It cannot be included in that unless it is specifically stated.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether the Government before investing their moneys enquired as to the financial stability of the banks in which they have invested the money?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): They have.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know whether any enquiry was made?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of the financial position of these banks.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) Am I to understand that the Government made no enquiries?

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The Government made sufficient enquiries before investing the money.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Are the Government aware of the fate which be fell the Alliance Bank?

MR R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : It is a well-known fact.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know why when the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, gave 5 per cent., and the National Bank cf India gave only 4½ per cent. for six-monthly deposits, the Government made their subsequent deposit in the latter bank?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The Government invested the money in different banks so that the money may be safe.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know why 10 lakhs of rupees are invested with the Imperial Bank of India and only eighty lakhs with the Chartered Bank?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The information is there.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know why Sirkar funds are invested in banks run by foreign capitalists when local banks requested for the same?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): They are understood to be more secure.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Is it not on the condition of security that the Government invest their money?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Security is the first element for consideration in investing money.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that there are no secure banks in Travancore?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I do not say that. It is all a question of degree.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Am I to take it that the Alliance Bank was run on sound conditions?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : I do not know.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of granting commercial loans like agricultural and industrial loans by the use of this money instead of depositing it in foreign banks?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to a point of order as to whether it arises out of the original question.

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PRESIDENT: It is very remote and has nothing at all to do with the original question put by the Member.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then, I beg your pardon, Sir.

The Resident Medical Officer.

275. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are no rules insisting on the presence of the Resident Medical Officer attached to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during specified hours in the General Hospital?

(2) Have not instances been brought to the notice of the departmental heads, where the Resident Medical Officer was not found at his post when patients or injured people were taken to the said hospital requiring urgent attention?

(3) Has any explanation been called for from the aforesaid officer to account for his absence on such occasions? If so, will the Government be pleased to disclose a few explanations as a sample?

(4) Have the Government made any arrangement to prevent a recurrence of such absence on the part of the Resident Medical Officer?

(5) Who is the present Resident Medical Officer? When was he appointed as such? Who was the Darbar Physician when he was appointed to his present post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) There are rules insisting on the presence of the Resident Medical Officer *in the General Hospital* between 6 and 11 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M. and *in his quarters* at all other times except 5 to 7 P. M. To attend to emergent cases between 5 and 7. P. M., the other assistant medical officers take duty in the hospital by turns.

(2) There is only one instance of a complaint having been received by the Surgeon in charge of the Darbar Physician's duties from Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai that his clerk who had injured his finger on the 30th November 1925, was not attended to as soon as he went to the Hospital at 3 P. M.

(3) No explanation was called for from the Resident Medical Officer as it was clear that he was not to blame.

(4) In view of the answer to part (3) above, this does not arise.

(5) Assistant Surgeon, J. I. Gomez, is the present Resident Medical Officer. He was appointed as such on the 1st Chingam 1099. Dr. Peter N. Lakshmanan was the Darbar Physician at that time.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Am I to understand from the answer to part (1) that there is no necessity to attend to any urgent cases if a person is taken there after 11 A. M. and before 4 P. M.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): During that time the Resident Medical Officer will be in his quarters. He can be sent for.

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